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MEETING BETWEEN "GUS'" AND "REST"; WORK ON ENORMOUS  
(1944)

From: NEW YORK

To: MOSCOW

No.: 195

9th February 1944

Personal to VIKTOR[i].

In reply to No. 302[ii].

On 5th February a meeting took place between "GUS'"[iii] and "REST"[iv]. Beforehand GUS' was given a detailed briefing by us. REST greeted him pleasantly but was rather cautious at first, [1 group unrecovered] the discussion GUS' satisfied himself that REST was aware of whom he was working with. R.[iv] arrived in the COUNTRY[STRANA][v] in September as a member of the ISLAND[OSTROV][vi] mission on ENORMOUS[ENORMOZ][vii]. According to him the work on ENORMOUS in the COUNTRY is being carried out under the direct control of the COUNTRY's army represented by General SOMERVELL[SOMMERVILL][viii] and STIMSON[ix]: at the head of the group of ISLANDERS[OSTROVITYANE][vi] is a Labour Member of Parliament, Ben SMITH[x].

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The whole operation amounts to the working out of the process for the separation of isotopes of ENORMOUS. The work is proceeding in two directions: the electron method developed by LAWRENCE[LAURENS][xi]

[71 groups unrecoverable]

separation of isotopes by the combined method, using the diffusion method for preliminary and the electron method for final separation. The work

[46 groups unrecovered]

18th February, we shall report the results.

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Footnotes: [i] VIKTOR:

Lt. Gen. P.M. FITIN.

[ii] Not available.

[iii] GUS':

i.e. "GOOSE"; Harry GOLD.

[iv] REST/R.:

Dr. Emil Julius Klaus FUCHS.

[v] COUNTRY:

U.S.A.

[vi] ISLAND, ISLANDERS:

GREAT BRITAIN, British.

[vii] ENORMOUS:

a) U.S. Atomic Energy Project.  
b) Uranium.

[viii] General SOMERVELL:

Lt. General Brehan Burke SOMERVELL,  
Commanding General Army Service Forces,  
War Department.

[ix] STIMSON:

Henry Lewis STIMSON, Secretary of War.

[x] Ben SMITH:

Rt. Hon. Ben SMITH, Minister Resident in  
WASHINGTON for Supply from 1943.

[xi] LAWRENCE:

Professor Ernest Orlando LAWRENCE.

[xii] ANTON:

Leonid Romanovich KVASNIKOV.

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